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II. **H**IS Sacred Imperial Majesty, his Sacred Royal Majesty of *Great Britain*, and the States General, desiring nothing more earnestly than the Peace and general Quiet of all *Europe*, have judg'd that nothing can be more effectual for the Establishment thereof, than the procuring an equitable and reasonable *Satisfaction to his Imperial Majesty for his Pretension to the Spanish Succession*, &c.

VII. In case the Confederates, necessity requiring it, shall be forc'd to enter into a War for obtaining the Satisfaction aforesaid for his Imperial Majesty, and the security of his Majesty of *Great Britain* and the States General, they shall faithfully communicate their Designs to one another, as well in relation to the Actions of the War, as all other things, where the Common Cause is concern'd.

VIII. It shall not be permitted to either Party, when the War is once begun, to treat of Peace with the Enemy, *unless jointly and with the common Advices of the other Parties*; and no Peace shall be made, unless an equitable and reasonable Satisfaction for his Imperial Majesty, &c.

*The Articles Preliminary to the Treaties of
a General Peace.*

I. **A** Good, firm, and lasting Peace, Confederacy, and perpetual Alliance and Amity, shall be forthwith treated and establish'd between his Imperial Majesty, with all and each of his Imperial Majesty's Allies (principally the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, and the Lords the States General of the *United Provinces*) on the one part, and his Most Christian Majesty, with his Allies, on the other part. And seeing the present Conjunctions have not permitted his Imperial Majesty to take previously the Approbation and Consent of the Empire, upon all that relates to it, in several Articles contain'd in these Preliminaries, his Imperial Majesty shall endeavour to procure, according to the Usage establish'd in the Empire, as soon as possible, the Consent and Ratification of the said Empire, before the Execution of the Articles which particularly concern the Empire.

II. And to attain this good End speedily, and to enjoy it as much as possible, from this time Preliminary Articles are agreed, to serve for a Foundation of the Treaties of a General Peace.

III. First, In Consideration and in Consequence of the said good Peace, and sincere Union of all the Parties, *The Most Christian King shall, from this time, acknowledg, publickly and authentickly, as also afterwards, in the Treaties of Peace to be made, King Charles the Third, in the Quality of King of Spain, the Indies, Naples and Sicily, and generally of all the Territories dependant, and comprehended under the name of The Monarchy of Spain, in what Part of the World soever situate (except what is to be*
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given to the Crown of *Portugal*, and the Duke of *Savoy*, pursuant to the Treaties between the High Allies, and the Barrier in the *Netherlands*, which the said King *Charles* the Third is to put into the Hands of the said Lords the States General of the *United Provinces*, agreeably to the Tenor of the Grand Alliance in the year 1701. except also what shall be hereafter mention'd touching the Upper Quarter of *Gelderland*, and also except the Agreements yet to be made with the said King *Charles* the Third, without excepting any thing more :) Together with all the Rights which the late King *Charles* the Second did possess, or ought to have possess'd, as well for himself as his Heirs and Successors, according to the Will of *Philip* the Fourth, and the Compacts establish'd and receiv'd in the most Serene House of *Austria*.

IV. And forasmuch as the Duke of *Anjou* is at present in possession of a great Part of the Kingdom of *Spain*, of the Coast of *Tuscany*, the *Indies*, and part of the *Netherlands*, 'tis reciprocally agreed, That for the sure Execution of the said Articles, and of the Treaties of Peace to be made, the said Treaties shall be finish'd within the Term of two Months, to begin from the first Day of the ensuing Month of *June*, if possible; during which Time his Most Christian Majesty shall so order it, that the Kingdom of *Sicily* shall be put into the possession of his Catholick Majesty *Charles* the Third. And the said Duke shall depart in full Safety and Freedom, out of the Limits of the Kingdoms of *Spain*, with his Consort, the Princes his Children, their Effects, and generally all Persons who are willing to follow them. And if, before the said Term expire, the said Duke of *Anjou* do not consent to the Execution of the present Agreement, the Most Christian King, and the stipulating Princes and States, shall, by Concert, take proper Measures, that it may have entire Effect, and that all *Europe* may, by the full Performance of the said Treaties of Peace, speedily enjoy perfect Tranquillity.

V. To facilitate the Establishment of that Tranquillity, his Most Christian Majesty shall, within the

Term of the two Months, withdraw the Troops and Officers he now has in *Spain*, and also those he has in the Kingdom of *Sicily*, as well as in the other Countries and Territories depending on the said Monarchy in *Europe*, and from the *Indies* as soon as possible; promising, on the Faith and Honour of a King, not to send, henceforward, to the Duke of *Anjou* (if he refuses to acquiesce with this) or to his Adherents, any Succour, whether of Troops, Artillery, Ammunition, or Mony, directly or indirectly.

VI. *The Monarchy of Spain shall remain entire in the House of Austria, in the manner above-mention'd. None of its Parts shall ever be dismember'd; neither shall the said Monarchy, in Whole, or in Part, be united to that of France; nor shall one and the same King, or a Prince of the House of France, ever become Sovereign thereof, in any manner whatsoever, either by Will, Legacy, Succession, Marriage-Compact, Donation, Sale, Contract, or any other way whatever: No King who shall reign in France, nor any Prince of the House of France, shall ever reign in Spain, or acquire within the Extent of the said Monarchy, any Towns, Forts, Places or Countries in any Part of it, especially in the Netherlands, by virtue of any Donation, Sale, Exchange, Marriage-Compact, Inheritance, Legacy, Succession by a Will, or in default of a Will, in whatever kind or manner soever, either for himself, or for the Princes, his Sons, or Brothers, or their Heirs or Descendants.*

VII. *Particularly and especially, France shall never become possess'd of the Spanish Indies, nor send Ships thither to exercise Commerce, under any Pretext whatever.*

VIII. His Most Christian Majesty being willing to give sure Proofs of the Intention he has to maintain a firm and lasting Peace, and to put an end to all Umbrage of his Designs, consents to deliver up to his Imperial Majesty and the Empire, the City and Citadel of *Strasburgh*, in the Condition they are now in, with the Fort of *Kehl*, and its Dependencies and Appurtenances, situate on either side of the *Rhine*; without

without any demand of Cost or Expentes, under what Pretext soever; with a hundred Pieces of Brass Cannon of different Sizes, that is to say, fifty Pieces, some twenty four, some twelve Pounders; and fifty Pieces, some of eight, some of four pound Ball, and Ammunition in proportion; to be re-establish'd in the Rank, Prerogatives and Privileges of an Imperial City, which it enjoy'd before it came under the Dominion of his Most Christian Majesty. Which said City of *Strasburgh*, and its Forts, shall be deliver'd up and evacuated immediately after the Ratifications of the Emperor and Empire shall be exchange'd at the *Hague*; and on the Appearance at the Gates of the said City and Forts of *Strasburgh*, of some Person authoriz'd by a full Power from his Imperial Majesty and the Empire, in the usual Form, to take possession of them.

IX. That the Town of *Brisac*, with its Territory, shall be evacuated by his Most Christian Majesty, and by him restor'd to his Imperial Majesty, and the House of *Austria*; with all the Cannon, Artillery, and Stores of War that shall be found in it, by the end of *June* at farthest; to be henceforward enjoy'd by his Imperial Majesty as his own Property, so as his Imperial Majesty has enjoy'd, and ought to have enjoy'd it, in execution of the Treaty of Peace concluded at *Reswick*; with the Cannon, Artillery, and Warlike Stores now in it.

X. His most Christian Majesty shall from henceforward possess *Alsace* in the literal Sense of the Treaty of *Munster*; so that he shall content himself with the Right of Prefecture over the Ten Imperial Towns of the said *Alsace*, yet without extending the said Right to the prejudice of the Prerogatives and Rights belonging to them in common with other free Towns of the Empire; and he shall enjoy his said Right, together with the Prerogatives, Revenues and Demelnes, in such manner as his said Majesty ought to have enjoy'd them from the Time of the Conclusion of the said Treaty, putting the Fortifications of the said Towns into the same Condition they were in at that time; excepting the Town of *Landau*, the Posses-

sion and Property of which shall belong for ever to his Imperial Majesty and the Empire, with power to demolish the said Place, if the Emperor and Empire shall think fit

XI. In Consequence of the said Treaty of *Munster*, his said Most Christian Majesty shall, within the Time agreed, cause to be demolish'd, at his own Expence, the fortify'd Places he has at present on the *Rhine*, between *Basil* and *Philipsburgh*, namely, *Hunninghen*, *New Brisac*, and *Fort Louis*, with all the Works belonging to the said Fort on each side of the *Rhine*, so that they may never be rebuilt hereafter.

XII. That the Town and Castle of *Rhynfels*, with their Dependencies, shall be possess'd by the Landgrave of *Hesse Cassel*, till it shall be agreed otherwise.

XIII. The Queen of *Great Britain*, and the Lords the States General, affirming, That the Clause inserted in the Fourth Article of the Treaty of *Reswick*, relating to Religion, is contrary to the Tenour of the Peace of *Munster*, and consequently ought to be repeal'd; 'tis thought fit that this Affair shall be refer'd to the Negotiation of the General Peace.

XIV. As to *Great Britain*, his Most Christian Majesty shall, from this Time, and in the Negotiation of the Treaties of Peace to be made, acknowledg the Queen of *Great Britain* in that Quality.

XV. His said Majesty shall also acknowledg the Succession of the Crown of *Great Britain* in the Protestant Line, as 'tis settled by Acts of the Parliament of *Great Britain*.

XVI. The Most Christian King shall deliver up to the Crown of *Great Britain*, what *France* possesses in the Island of *Newfoundland*; and on the part of the Queen of *Great Britain*, as well as on the part of his Most Christian Majesty, all the Countries, Islands, Forts and Colonies, which have been possess'd by the Arms of either Side, during the present War, in what Part soever of the *Indies* situate, shall be mutually restor'd.

XVII. His said Majesty promises to cause all the Fortifications of the Town of *Dunkirk*, its Harbour and *Rysbanks*, with what belongs thereto, to be raz'd
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at his Expence, without exception; so that one half of the said Fortifications shall be raz'd, and one half of the Harbour fill'd up within the space of two Months; and the other half of the Fortifications shall be raz'd, as well as the other half of the Harbour fill'd up in the space of two Months more, to the satisfaction of the Queen of Great Britain, and of the Lords the States General of the United Provinces: Nor shall it be permitted ever to rebuild the Fortifications, or make the Harbour navigable again, directly or indirectly.

XVIII. The Person who pretends to be King of Great Britain, having desir'd to depart the Kingdom of France, to prevent the Demand which the Queen of Great Britain and the British Nation have made, he shall retire into such Country, and in such manner, as by the next ensuing Treaty of a general Peace shall be agreed, as to the means of his retiring.

XIX. In the principal Negotiation of the Treaties to be made, care shall be taken to settle a Treaty of Commerce with Great Britain.

XX. As to the King of Portugal, his most Christian Majesty shall consent, that he shall enjoy all the Advantages stipulated in his favour, by the Treaties made between him and his Allies.

XXI. His Majesty shall acknowledge the King of Prussia in that Quality, and promise not to disturb him in the possession of the Principality of Neufchâtel, and of the County of Valengin.

XXII. And as to the Lords the States-General, his Majesty shall yield, and make over to them, in the most express Terms that shall be judg'd proper, the Place of Furnes, with its District, (the Fort of Knocque being therein included) Menin, with its Verge, Ipres, with its Castellany and Dependencies, which from henceforward shall be Bailien, or Belle, Warneton, Comines, Werwick, Poperingen, and what depends on the Places above-mention'd, (the Town and Castellany of Cassel, remaining to his most Christian Majesty) Lisle, with its Castellany, (the Town and Government of Doway to be excepted) Conde and Maubenge, with all their Dependencies; the whole
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in such condition as the said Places are at present, and particularly with the Cannon, Artillery, and Stores of War therein; to serve with the rest of the *Spanish Netherlands*, for the Barrier of the said Lords, the States-General, upon which they may agree with the said King *Charles*, according to the Tenour of the Grand Alliance, as well with regard to the Garisons which the said Lords the States-General shall maintain therein, as to all other things in the *Spanish Netherlands*, and particularly as to their having the Property and Sovereignty of the Upper-Quarter of *Gelderland*, according to the 52d Article of the Treaty of *Munster*, in the Year 1648. as from time to time they shall think fit. But 'tis understood, that if there is a general Magazine in *Tournay*, the Quantity and Quality of the Artillery and Ammunition to be left in the said Place, shall be agreed.

XXIII. His most Christian Majesty shall also deliver up all the Towns, Forts, and Places which he shall have possess'd himself of in the *Spanish Netherlands*, in the condition they are now in, with their Cannon, Artillery, and Warlike Stores. But 'tis understood, that if since the Troops of the most Christian King enter'd *Namur*, any Magazine has been erected, or Stores of Artillery and Ammunition laid up in that Town and Castle, more than for their defence, they shall be remov'd by the Officers of his most Christian Majesty, in concert with those of the States-General, at the time of the Evacuation; which shall not, on this account, be retarded, but shall be done within the time that shall be limited: the whole on this express Condition; that the *Roman Catholick* Religion shall be maintain'd in all the said Places to be deliver'd up, and in their Dependencies, in the same manner as 'tis now establish'd there; except that the Garisons of the States may exercise their own Religion, as well in the Places yielded and made over for enlarging the Barrier, as in the Places of the *Spanish Netherlands*, that are to be restor'd.

XXIV. And to the end that this Agreement may have its full effect, his most Christian Majesty promises not to cause to be remov'd from this time, any Cannon,

Cannon, Artillery, or Ammunition, out of the Towns and Forts which are to be restor'd and yielded up, by virtue of these Articles.

XXV. His Majesty shall grant to the said Lords the States General, in relation to their Commerce, what is stipulated by the Treaty of *Ryswick*, the *Tarif*, (or Book of Rates) of 1664. the Suppression of the *Tarifs* made since, the Revocation of the Edicts, Declarations, and Arrests posterior to them, contrary to the said *Tarif* of 1664. and also the Abolition of the *Tarif* made between *France* and the said Lords the States General, the 29th of *May*, 1699 ; so that, with respect to them, the *Tarif* of the Year 1664. only shall be of force : And all *Dutch* Vessels trading in the Ports of *France*, shall be exempted from paying the Tonnage-Duty of 50 Sols per Ton.

XXVI. At the signing of the Treaties of Peace, his Majesty shall acknowledg the Ninth Electorate, erected in favour of his Electoral Highness of *Hanover*.

XXVII. The Duke of *Savoy* shall be re-instated in the possession of the Dutchy of *Savoy*, the County of *Nice*, and of all the other Places and Countries hereditarily belonging to him, and of which his said Majesty shall have possess'd himself by his Arms, during the Course of the present War, without any Reservation ; his Majesty consenting besides, that his Royal Highness shall enjoy all the Countries, Territories and Places, which have been yielded and made over to him by the Emperor and his Allies.

XXVIII. That the King make over to the Duke of *Savoy* the Property and Sovereignty of the Towns of *Exilles*, *Fenestrelles*, and *Chaumont*, now possess'd by the Arms of his Royal Highness, together with the Valley of *Pragelas* ; as also whatever lies on this side the *Genevre*, and other Mountains : so that from henceforward the said Mountains may serve for a Barriert and Limits between the Kingdom of *France*, and the Principality of *Piemont*.

XXIX. As to the late Electors of *Cologne* and *Bavaria*, their Demands and Pretensions shall be refer'd to the Negotiation of the Treaties of Peace : And the

the Dispositions and Decrees of his Imperial Majesty, and the Empire, made and issued during this War, shall be maintain'd, with respect to his Electoral Highness Palatine, who shall remain in possession of the *Upper Palatinate*, the County of *Cham*, and the Rank and Dignity with which he has been invested by his Imperial Majesty ; as also with respect to what has been done in favour of the Imperial Town of *Dona-wert*, and to several other Dispositions of that nature. And for what relates to the Garisons which on the part of the Lords the States-General, may be plac'd in the Town of *Huy*, the Citadel of *Liege*, and the Town of *Bon*, they shall remain there, till an Agreement otherwise be made with his Imperial Majesty, and the Empire.

XXX. And for removing all Doubts touching the Execution of the said Articles, and furthering the Execution of them, upon which depends the Re-establishment of the general Tranquillity, and of reciprocal Confidence and Amity between the Parties :

XXXI. 'Tis agreed, That the farther Demands, which the Emperor, the Queen of *Great Britain*, and the said Lords the States-General may make in the Negotiation of the general Peace, as well as the most Christian King, shall not interrupt the Cessation of Arms, which will be mention'd in a subsequent Article.

XXXII. As for the Empire, the four Associated Circles, the King of *Portugal*, the King of *Prussia*, the Duke of *Savoy*, and other Allies, they shall be free to make in the said general Congress such Demands (besides what is above-granted to them) as they shall think convenient.

XXXIII. The general Negotiation shall be finish'd, if possible, within two months, as is aforesaid.

XXXIV. And to the end the said Negotiation may be the better terminated within the space of the said two months ; and that upon the Execution of the said Articles, the Peace may immediately be made, 'tis agreed that there shall be a Cessation of Arms between the Armies of all the Parties who are at War, to commence every where, as soon as the Conclusion

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of the said Articles shall come to the knowledg of the said Parties at present in War.

XXXV. The most Christian King, to give proofs of his Desire and Inclination to put a speedy End to this Bloody War, promises, immediately after the Conclusion and Ratification of the said Articles, to evacuate, as is abovesaid, in the *Netherlands*, the Towns of *Namur*, *Mons*, and *Charleroy*, before the 15th of *June* next; *Luxemburgh*, *Conde*, *Tournay*, and *Maubeuge*, within fifteen days after; and before the 15th of *July*, the Towns of *Newport*, *Furnes*, with *Fort Knocque* and *Ipres*; and before the Expiration of those two Months, to raze and fill up (as is above stipulated) the Fortifications and Harbour of *Dunkirk*; the delivering up of *Strasburgh*, and the Fort of *Kehl* being refer'd to the Stipulation of the eighth Article.

XXXVI. His most Christian Majesty promises likewise, from the time of the said Conclusion, and before the Expiration of the two Months after it, to execute all that has been formerly stipulated, with respect to the other Allies.

XXXVII. And in case the King of *France* executes all that is above-mention'd, and that the whole Monarchy of *Spain* be deliver'd up, and yielded to King *Charles III.* as is stipulated by these Articles, within the limited Term; 'tis agreed, That the Cessation of Arms, between the Parties in War, shall continue till the Conclusion and Ratification of the Treaties of Peace which are to be made.

XXXVIII. All this shall serve for the Basis and Foundation of the Treaties of Peace to be made, which shall be drawn up in the most ample Forms that have usually been observ'd in Treaties of Peace, with respect to Cessions, Successions, Renunciations, Dependencies, and Appendages, Evacuation of Cannon, Artillery, and Stores of War, Gallies, Crews serving in Gallies, without Cost and Charges, and the like Things.

XXXIX. The Ratification of the Preliminary Articles, above specify'd, shall be furnish'd and exchange'd, on the part of the most Christian King, the Queen of *Great-Britain*, and the Lords the *States-General*, before the

the 15th of *June* next; on the part of the Emperor, by the 1st of *July* following; and of the Empire as soon as possible: And upon the Delivery of the said Ratifications of the Queen of *Great-Britain*, and the Lords the States-General, the Execution of what is stipulated touching the Evacuation of the Places which his most Christian Majesty is to restore and yield up in the *Netherlands*, as also touching the Demolition of the Town of *Dunkirk*, and the filling up of its Harbour, and every thing granted to the said Potentates, shall immediately be set about, and perform'd out of hand: The like Execution shall take place, with respect to what is stipulated in favour of the Emperor, and King *Charles III.* after his Imperial Majesty's Ratification, and all that relates to the Empire shall be executed, after the Ratification of the said Empire shall be exchang'd. As to the other Allies, the Articles that concern them shall be executed, after they have acquiesc'd with, sign'd, and ratify'd the said Articles.

XL. And to hasten the Conclusion of the Treaties of a general Peace, 'tis agreed, that on the 15th of *June* next, the Congress shall begin in this Place of the *Hague*: And all Kings, Princes, and States in the Alliance, and others, shall be invited to send hither their Ministers Plenipotentiaries. And to prevent all Difficulties and Disputes about the Ceremonial, and to forward as much as possible the Conclusion of the General Peace, those of the said Ministers who shall have the Character of Ambassadors, shall not declare it, till the Day of signing the Treaties of the said Peace.

Done, concluded, and sign'd, by the Plenipotentiaries of his said Imperial Majesty, of her Majesty the Queen of *Great Britain*, and of the Lords the States-General of the *United Provinces*, with the Ministers Plenipotentiaries of his most Christian Majesty, in the *Hague*, the 28th of *May*, 1709.



Eugene of Savoy. *The Prince and Duke* *Welderen.*
Philip Lewis, Count *of Marlborough.*
de Sinzendorf, *Townshend.*

A. Heinsius.
Bonima.
Baron de
Reed Van
Renswoude.
Goslinga.
Itersum.
Wichers.
Wil. Buys.
Van Dussen.

An Account of the several Successes gain'd by
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SINCE these Preliminaries, the Confederate Army
under the Command of the Duke of Marlborough
have gain'd the Glorious Victory of *Blaregnies*, taken
Tournay, *Mons*, *Doway*, *St. Venant*, *Aire*, and *Be-*
thune, pass'd the French Lines, and taken *Bouchain*.

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